







#### THE GOLDEN KEY AWARDS RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING UTAH

EMPLOYERS AND INDIVIDUALS that have made a commitment to supporting people with disabilities, including veterans, through employment.

Employers are nominated for their efforts in providing workplace accommodations, training employees on disability inclusion and offering advancement opportunities. The awards also recognize an individual who actively promotes equal employment opportunities for Utahns with disabilities.

The Utah Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities and its partners host the annual Golden Key Awards. Award recipients will be recognized by a representative of the Governor's Committee or a sponsor of the event during the luncheon at the Utah Business Leadership Network (UTBLN) Summit in Salt Lake City.

## **NOMINATIONS DUE:**

July 6, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Submit nominations and letters of support to: leahlobato@utah.gov

OR

Mail to: Golden Key Awards 1595 West 500 South Salt Lake City, UT 84104

**AWARDS CEREMONY: OCTOBER 16, 2018** 

All nominations must be typed or printed legibly. Self-nominations are accepted. Please be sure to provide complete and accurate addresses and phone numbers. If you need assistance filling out the form, call 801-887-9538.







# 2018 Golden Key Awards OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Nominee Name of Employer or Individual				
(For Employer Only) Industry				
Address				
City	Zip Code			
Phone	Email			
Does this person or company know they c	are being nominated? Yes No			
Nominator				
Nominator Name				
Phone	Email			

#### Award Category (Please check one)

**EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR**: Recipients have made outstanding contributions to improve employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Efforts could include providing workplace accommodations, training employees on disability inclusion, committing to hiring people with disabilities, providing advancement opportunities, and promoting positive awareness in the workplace. **Note: Employer of the Year nominees can submit letters of support from current employees or share documentation of their disability diversity recruitment efforts**.

(Select one)

Small Employer of the Year (Less than 50 employees) Medium Employer of the Year (50 – 500 employees) Large Employer of the Year (Over 500 employees)

**ACE AWARD:** An individual who actively promotes public and private efforts to achieve equal employment opportunities for Utahns with disabilities outside of their employment responsibilities. The award may also be given to an employee with a disability who overcame tremendous obstacles.

(Select one)

Business partner Educator Counselor Advocate or citizen Employee with a disability

**FREEDOM AWARD**: Employers who recruit and hire disabled veterans.

**ASAP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**: State agency with the best utilization of the Alternative State Application Program.



### **Nomination Questions (4)**

1.	Provide a brief background of what the business or organization does in Utah. If the nominee is an
	individual, describe the nominee's job position and general responsibilities. (150 word limit)

2. What specific efforts were made to hire or support people with disabilities for employment? How did the nominee promote awareness of hiring people with disabilities? (300 word limit)

#### **Letters of Support**

Letters of support are recommended to support the nominations. Letters should document the efforts of the nominee to improve or increase the employment of individuals with disabilities.



3.	What was the main positive impact the nominee had on improving employment opportunities for people with disabilities? How many people were impacted and how did the disability community benefit from the efforts? (300 word limit)
4.	What makes this nominee stand out? What is their biggest strength? What other characteristics does the nominee have that makes them deserve this award? (300 word limit)